

Reduction in foodgrains quantity under SGRY

†2384. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE:
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quantity of foodgrains being provided per person under Sampurna Grameen Rojgar Guarantee Yojana has been reduced;

(b) if so, the quantity of foodgrains being provided per person previously and the quantity decided to be provided now;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government are contemplating to increase daily wages provided under the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (d) There is no scheme, namely, Sampurna Gramneen Rojgar Guarantee Yojana. However, under Sampurna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), the Ministry of Rural Development releases funds and foodgrains to the districts covered under the programme for payment of wages to the workers. Due to limited availability of foodgrains, instructions have been issued to the States/UTs to provide foodgrains as part of wages at the rate of 3 kg. instead of 5 kg per manday in 2006-07. The reduced norm from 5 kg. to 3 kg. per manday was applicable in the year 2005-06 also during 1.11.2005 to 31.3.2006. According to SGRY Guidelines, the wages to be paid to the labourers should not be less than the minimum wages fixed by the State authorities. Wages are to be paid both in foodgrains and in cash. Instructions have been given to States/UTs that in the event of non-availability/inadequate availability of foodgrains, wages can be paid in cash.

Flourosis Mitigation Centre at Gandhinagar

2385. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether establishment of a Flourosis Mitigation Centre at Gandhinagar is under consideration of Government; and

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